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Carol Ann Reed Director of Freedom of Information Services Office of Administration United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, D.C. 20555 BY FAX

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Dear Carol Ann Reed:

Under the federal Freedom of Information Act, I am writing to request records of enforcement activity involving Vermont hospitals since 1985. I am interested in all notices of alleged violations, notices of violation and proposed imposition of penalties, orders imposing civil penalties, and orders modifying, suspending or revoking licenses. My request includes any fines, as well as communications pertaining to these actions between your agency and the state of Vermont.

The institutions whose records I seek are:

Brattleboro Memorial Hospital, Central Vermont Hospital, Fletcher Allen Health Care (which may have been previously licensed as the Medical Center Hospital of Vermont), Gifford Memorial Hospital, Mount Ascutney Hospital, North Country Hospital, Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital, Northwestern Medical Center, Porter Medical Center, Rutland Regional Medical Center, Southwestern Vermont Medical Center, Springfield Hospital, and the Veterans' Administration Hospital in White River Junction.

Since I work for a news organization, and since there is a compelling public interest in this information, I would like to apply in advance for a waiver from any reproduction or other fees that may pertain to this request.

If you have any questions pertaining to this request, my direct line is 802-660-1861.

Thank you.

Stephen Kiernan Staff writer

